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In re Application of :
Thomas M. Williams :
Application No. 10/628,064 : ON PETITION
Filed: 25 July, 2003 :
Atty Docket No. P-6166-04-03 :

This is a decision on the petition under 1.137(b),¹ filed on 26 October, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The Office apologizes for the delay in responding to the present petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on 25 August, 2004, for failure to timely submit the issue fee, in response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, and corrected drawings, in response

¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

to the Notice of Allowance, both mailed on 24 May, 2004, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 12 October, 2004.

Petitioner has now submitted the issue fee and corrected drawings. The balance due of the issue fee will be charged to counsel's deposit account, No. 50-0498, as authorized on the issue fee transmittal sheet.

The application file is being referred to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3231.



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